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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION PROBLEM POSED IN REFTEL AND SUGGESTED THAT DUTU BE PROGRAMMED IN OCTOBER SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH DUMINICA/VOINESCU PROGRAM IN AUGUST. THE COUNCIL IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT DUTU. WILL ADVISE RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY TODAY.

2. REGARDLESS OF DUTU RESPONSE, WHICH WE HOPE WILL ALLEVIATE PROBLEM, WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE HIGH PRIORITY EMBASSY PLACES ON DUMINICA-VOINESCU IVP NOMINATIONS; WE HOPE ADEQUATE PROGRAM WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THEM IN SPITE OF TIGHT AUGUST SCHEDULE. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT IN SEVERAL YEARS OF AN RCP FIRST SECRETARY (DUMINICA) TO THE UNITED STATES, A TREND WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE. THE AMBASSADOR HAS HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH RCP CC SECRETARY UGLAR, WHO ALSO HEADS COMMITTEE FOR PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS, ON DEVELOPMENT OF EXCHANGES WITH FIRST SECRETARIES. THE POSITION OF JUDEG (COUNTY) FIRST SECRETARY IS KEY LINK IN CEAUSESCU'S SYSTEM OF PARTY-STATE CONTROL; THOSE WHO OCCUPY IT ARE TRUSTED PARTY OFFICIALS. ADDITIONALLY VISIT IS LINKED TO FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE DEVELOPING SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

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BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE U.S. THE SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE

IN MOBILE AUGUST 25-28 PROVIDES THE NECESSARY PEG TO HELP
JUSTIFY THE TRIP OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS AT THIS TIME,
AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE HOPE THAT THREE-WEEK PROGRAM
AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL (B) CAN STILL BE ARRANGED.

3. EMBOFFS MEETING WITH VOINESCU AND DUMINICA TOMORROW MORNING
TO DISCUSS VISIT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE VIA IMMEDIATE CABLE BY
OPENING OF BUSINESS AUGUST 11 WHETHER DUMINICA AND VOINESCU CAN
BE PROGRAMMED AS EARLIER RECOMMENDED.
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